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INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLANNING ROUNDTABLE SCHEDULED

JEFFERSON CITY--The Missouri Public Service Commission will hold an energy roundtable on **Friday, May 20, 2005**, to discuss integrated resource planning for electric and natural gas utilities. The roundtable will be held from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the 4th Floor Ballroom of the Governor Office Building in Jefferson City.

Integrated resource planning (IRP) attempts to meet a number of objectives:

- * ensuring that all households and businesses have access to energy utility services;
- * maintaining reliability of energy supply;
- * minimizing the short and long term economic cost of delivering energy utility services while analyzing potential risks associated with uncertain factors;
- * integrating energy demand side management in the resource mix; and
- * minimizing the environmental impacts of energy supply and use.

The roundtable will focus on the objectives of IRP, possible changes to the existing electric utility IRP rule and interest in an IRP rule for natural gas utilities.